Agenda Date: 8/7/02 Agenda Item: VA

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.nj.us

> <u>DIVISION OF WATER &</u> WASTEWATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF CONSUMERS NEW JERSEY WATER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN RATES FOR WATER SERVICE AND OTHER TARIFF CHARGES

ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING INCREASES, ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR SERVICE

DOCKET NO. WR02030133

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

On March 4, 2002, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Consumers New Jersey Water Company, a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities and serving 36,000 water customers within all or parts of Warren, Hunterdon, Mercer, Burlington, Camden, Monmouth and Gloucester Counties, filed a petition for a revision of its rates proposed to become effective on April 4, 2002. The Board transmitted this matter to the Office of Administrative Law for hearings and on March 21, 2002 the Board suspended these rates until August 4, 2002, pending a determination on the hearings on the justness and reasonableness of Petitioner's rates.

By letter dated July 22, 2002, Petitioner stated that it will not place the proposed rates into effect pending Board action. As it now appears that hearings before the Office of Administrative Law

in this matter are continuing, the Board <u>HEREBY ORDERS</u>, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 48:2-21, that said proposed revisions be and the same are hereby further suspended until December 4, 2002, unless the Board, prior to this date, makes a determination disposing of the petition.

DATED: 8/8/02

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

BY:

SIGNED

JEANNE M. FOX PRESIDENT

SIGNED

FREDERICK F. BUTLER COMMISSIONER

SIGNED

CAROL J. MURPHY COMMISSIONER

SIGNED

CONNIE O. HUGHES COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

SIGNED KRISTI IZZO SECRETARY

CONSUMERS NEW JERSEY WATER COMPANY SERVICE LIST BPU DOCKET NO. WR02030133

Stephen B. Genzer LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, LLP One Riverfront Plaza Newark, NJ 07102-5490

Frank X. Simpson Vice President and CEO 10 Black Forest Road Hamilton, NJ 08691

Sharon E. Schulman President and CEO 10 Black Forest Road Hamilton, NJ 08691

Seema Singh, Acting Director Division of Ratepayer Advocate 31 Clinton Street – 11th Floor Newark, NJ 07101

Robert Brabston, Esq. Division of Ratepayers Advocate 31 Clinton Street – 11th Floor Newark, NJ 07101 Nueva Elma, Bureau Chief Board of Public Utilities Division of Service Evaluation Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102

Riaz Shiakh, Supervising Engineer Board of Public Utilities Division of Service Evaluation Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102

Fred Grygiel, Chief Economist Board of Public Utilities Office of the Economist Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102

Son Lin Lai, Economist Board of Public Utilities Office of the Economist Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102

Michael Gallagher, Director
Dante Mugrace, Bureau Chief
Michael Kammer, Supervising Administrative Analyst
John Lombardo, Rate Analyst I
Charles Brobbey, Rate Analyst I
Tracey Cullins, Sec. Asst. 2
Board of Public Utilities
Division of Water and Wastewater
Two Gateway Center
Newark, NJ 07102